Production of Oxyfederine HCL

47. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2694 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state;

(a) whether Oxyfederine HCL is being produced in the country;

(b) if so, names of the producers licensed capacity of each along with the production during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Oxyfederine HCl was under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(d) if so, the price fixed per Kg.;

(e) what are the names of three major selling brands based on Oxyfederine HCl along with the names of formulators and price fixed for each under *DPCO, 1988*;

(f) whether Kelkar Committee has considered any representation received for inclusion of this drug; and

(g) if so, what are the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The production of Oxyfederine bulk drug is not being monitored by this department.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The required details to the extent available are given below:

S.No.	Name of Formulation	Pack Size	Price fixed under DPCO 1979	Formulator
1	Ildamen Tablets	8 mg. 10x10's	45.62	German Remedies
2	Ildamen Inj. 4 mg/2ml	10's	12.23	German Remedies
3	Ildamen Drops	10ml	8.94	German Remedies

(f) and (g) The representation is still under the consideration of Kelkar Committee.

Prices of rehydration salts

48. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2625 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not reduced the prices of rehydration salts falling under category I;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the prices will be fixed;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not reduced the prices of combination of Rifampicin and INH falling under category I;

(e) whether it is a fact that the prices of these combinations are very high and put heavy burden on TB patients;

(f) by when the prices of these Anti-TB drug combinations will be reduced;

(g) whether it is also a fact his Ministry have so far not reduced the prices of combination of drugs falling under category I; and

(h) if so, what are the names of all these combinations for which the prices are still to be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (h) Prices of some Category I formulation packs where mark up allowed under DPCO, 1979 was more than 75% have been reduced under DPCO, 1987 Manufacturers of Category I formulations which were hitherto under Category III of DPCO, 1979 or decontrolled have been directed to seek price approval under DPCO, 1987.

Representations made to the Kelkar Committee

49. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2624 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain consumer associations have submitted representations to his Ministry as well as the Kelkar Committee pointing out anomalies in the Reprot;

(b) is it also a fact that these associations and public men have made strong representations about exclusion of certain drugs which do not fulfil exclusion criteria and have reprsented for consideration by the committee for inclusion of certain drugs;

(c) if so, names of drugs for which representations have been received and representation has been made;

(d) what are the names of associations and public men who submitted their representations up till today and how many have been considered;

(e) whether any decision has been taken on any of these representations after the consideration by the expert committee; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) Details of representations received from the industry, Organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclusion in/exclusion from the price controlled categories of drugs are given in the enclosed Statemet I, II and III respectively. (See reply to the Unstarred Question 44 (a) to (d) *Vide* Col. 68—72 The representations have been forwarded to the Kelkar Committee. The report of the Committee has not been received.

Prices of medicines

50. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 2663 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of all medicines have gone up very high;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is not monitoring the price increases of all medicines;

(c) what system his Ministry is adopting to find out reasons for exorbitant price increases of non-monitored medicines;